



ALEXANDRIA, VA.
TUESDAY EVENING, SEPT. 20

The visitors to Oberammergau have discovered that the peasants whom they meet there are no fools, so far as business is concerned. "No matter how closely they are bound to the play which has made their place known all over the world, no matter how much they are imbued with the religious spirit which they say is essential for its proper rendition, they have at least one eye to the coin which comes to them from the pilgrim and the tourist," says the Augsburgische Neueste Nachrichten. The latest evidence of this came in the form of a boycott which the firm of George Lang put on the fifth edition of Wilhelm von Wymethal's "Maydays in Oberammergau." This book contains, besides views of the place, the text of the play, and its sale having interfered with the sale of a book which contains the text only, it was boycotted. The publishers have sued. Commenting on the incident, the writer says: "Business is business, even in pious Oberammergau."

Living in flats drives people insane, according to Dr. V. H. Podstata, of Chicago's institution for the insane at Dunning and an authority on diseases of the mind. Dr. Podstata also credits whisky with doing its share in increasing the mentally deficient class, but he repudiates the theory of Dr. Forbes Winslow, of London, who declares that within 40 years the insane will outnumber the sane. "The cramped existence that flats and tenements compel, develops a nervous insanity never experienced by those who lived more out of doors several generations back," says Dr. Podstata. "The evolution of civilization demands more from mental power and asks little from physical being, and this lack of balance produces insanity." Dr. Podstata asserts that the marriage laws should be regulated so that degenerates, habitual drunkards and those afflicted with blood diseases could not marry, and that there should be sterilization of degenerates and hopeless defectives.

CHIEF ENGINEER RICE, of the bureau of mines, at Washington, in a report asserts that the dust of bituminous coal is as dangerous a substance in the mines as fire, and more insidious. Experiments at the Pittsburgh mine experiment station have shown that the dust alone, without any admixture of gas, will cause a violent explosion under certain conditions, and some of the worst disasters are now attributed by Rice to this cause. The explosive quality of coal dust having been ascertained the experts should now go to work and devise means of guarding against this danger.

At the ministerial meeting in Detroit yesterday the sermon by Rev. John H. Boyd, of the First Presbyterian Church, came in for fervid discussion. He called Theodore Roosevelt, the "Twentieth Century Prophet," "No man can stay his voice," he said, "for it rings forth with the message of God. Men tremble when he speaks, for they know that no matter what they do, if it is not good he will tell the world." He commended Roosevelt for refusing to sit at the table with Senator Lorimer. Sympathizers, it will be remembered, made Alexander the Great believe he was a son of Jupiter Ammon.

Writing about the wine industry in France, a correspondent for a Vienna paper says that the continuous rains in the champagne district have played sad havoc with the grapes and that no one who knows what the effect has been will ever ask for 1910 champagne. The crop failure will not influence prices, however, because of the large stocks on hand from previous years and because of Germany's and Austria's competitive powers.

Will Drape Nude Statues. Harrisburg, Sept. 20.—In a letter from Paris to the Harrisburg Star-Independent, George Gray Barnard, the sculptor, who made the marble groups for the front of the Capitol, says that the nude statues will be so draped with marble as to give no offense. The state meeting of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, at its meeting in Scranton some time ago, protested against the placing of nude statues, and other organizations were about to follow suit. Barnard says these groups were ready to ship to Harrisburg some time ago; but by the orders of the commission, he held them back three months and they will now arrive here some time in October. He is particularly anxious to impress upon the people the fact that the statues will be draped.

Wreck of an Excursion Train. Oporto, Portugal, Sept. 20.—Scores of passengers were injured today in the wreck of an excursion train near this city. Most of the injured are said to be slightly hurt.

FROM WASHINGTON.

Correspondence of Alexandria Gazette.—The agitation for the granting of a pardon to Chas. W. Morse, the former New York ice king, now in the federal prison at Atlanta, has penetrated to remote parts of the country. Every day the mails bring letters to the Department of Justice and the president is asked for all sorts of reasons to open the prison doors for Morse. Two examples of unique epistles that are included in the large number of letters from normal people arrived today. A woman at Cheltenham, Pa., wrote that as a result of the treatment of Morse she was "shocked with anger and grief" and "walked the floor with grief." "Why is Morse in prison at all? Oh you say, he did it. Many others have committed crimes worse than Morse ever did. Why should Morse be placed in the cooler? I say Russia never bred greater socialists as such injustices are doing today. I tell you on the street cars in church and when people will listen to me. We should beware." Another woman living at Herkimer county, New York, said: "If I were shipwrecked, and saw a canoe near; to save my life I would use it for that purpose even if Uncle Samuel owned it. Morse did no more."

The last of the battleships completed night battle practice off Fort Monroe last night. The storm having subsided so that the targets could be towed across the range, the big guns were let loose and the flashing of search lights, making most spectacular display. The result of the practice was satisfactory, the targets having been smashed. Rear Admiral Schroeder has issued orders to begin day battle practice on Wednesday.

In Pennsylvania Saturday afternoon is a legal holiday and in the opinion of Commerce Club of Philadelphia railroads should not include that time in charging demurrage on freight cars. A complaint was filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission today by the exchange asking that the Pennsylvania, Reading, and the Baltimore and Ohio railroads be ordered to abolish the practice of including the legal holiday in making charges on freight cars. Freight rates on lumber established by the western railroads in 1908 were the subject of a complaint filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission by the Ingham Lumber Company, of Kansas City, Mo. It charged that the rates assessed by the Kansas City Southern and other western and southern lines from Arkansas and Oklahoma to Des Moines, Iowa, and other northern points are excessive. The commission is asked to order a reduction.

Among the complaints filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission today was one by the National Refining Co., of Cleveland, against the Big Four Railroad asking that the commission order a reduction from 13 1/2 cents per hundred pounds for the crude product from Flat Rock, Ill., to Findlay, Ohio. The Colorado Coal Traffic Association asked that the Santa Fe and other railroads be ordered to establish through rates from Walsenburg coal field in Colorado to plot in the middle west and in the southwest.

"Government coinage is destined soon to become a failing industry in this country," said a treasury official today. "A large part of the work of the mints was abolished a few years ago when Congress stopped the coinage of silver dollars. In part the loss of this work for a time was compensated for by the stamping of coins for use in the Philippines. Gold remains but if the recommendations of such officials as the treasury are adopted the departments of the mint engaged in boiling down the yellow bars and converting them into lustrous coins will be closed. More than \$20,000,000 in gold coin is now stored in the treasury vaults. There is little demand for the coins except in sections of the Pacific Coast, gold shipped to Europe is preferred in bars. Lee McClung, treasurer of the United States and directors of the Mint believe that the situation is in favor of discontinuing gold coinage."

Morse Operating a Typewriter.

Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 20.—"I never knew before how little I knew. In fact I didn't know how to do any one thing," said Charles W. Morse, the former New York ice king, today as he visited him today at the Federal penitentiary. Morse found him working a typewriter, copying the physician's reports, and it was clear that he was no expert in running the machine. "Mr. Morse finds the work very pleasant," she said. He is glad to have something to do. His health is greatly improved. He is just learning to operate the typewriter and is enjoying the experience, as he says he never had any idea how little he knew about such things." Mrs. Morse declined to comment in any way upon the recent incarceration of her husband in a solitary cell. She declared that the petitions for his pardon were growing rapidly and that they had been signed by many prominent persons. After spending the morning with her husband at the prison, she left this afternoon for New York.

Broke Up in a Row.

Erie, Pa., Sept. 20.—The opening session of the State Council of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics broke up in a row this morning. Refusal of national officers to permit delegates supporting John Ashford, of Pittsburgh, candidate for vice counsellor, backing up the action of the state body in refusing to pay per capita tax to the national body, caused the trouble. A free-for-all fight followed, in which books and chairs were thrown and loud words indulged in. Headed by Counsellor Taylor the supporters of the national body finally withdrew to another hall, and two meetings are now being held behind closed doors.

Proposed Trip Across the Alps.

Brieg, Switzerland, Sept. 20.—Just as soon as weather conditions are favorable Chas. Weymann, the American, and George Chavez, the Peruvian "bird-man," will again attempt to fly from Brieg to Milan, over the Simplon Pass. They would have started early today but the wind was so strong that the authorities decided not to permit the attempt.

Neither aviator is daunted by yesterday's failure, when a gale forced them to abandon two attempts to fly over the mountains. A crowd of 5,000 has been attracted to the little town by the prospects of the flight.

PERILOUS AERIAL FLIGHTS.

The "Buckeye" Lands in Virginia and the New York in Ohio.—The "Mississippi" Reported.

New York, Sept. 20.—The "Buckeye," one of the three hitherto unreported balloons, landed in Virginia Monday morning, according to a telegram received today by the Aero Club of America. The telegram was from Pilot J. H. Wade, of Cleveland and read as follows:

"Balloon Buckeye landed in the mountains at 7:30 Monday morning, one mile southeast of Showalter, Floyd county, Virginia. Impossible to wire earlier."

The telegram was sent from Christiansburg, Va. Capt. Thomas Baldwin, the aide of Pilot Clifford B. Harmon, appeared at the Aero Club of America rooms today and reported that the New York landed near Portsmouth, Ohio, at 5 o'clock Sunday evening.

I supposed, of course, that everyone knew about our having landed," Baldwin said in explaining his silence. "Although we were not in the air very long, we had a hard time of it and for fourteen hours we had the hardest fight with adverse winds that I ever experienced."

"We ran into hot sunshine, cold winds, thunder, lightning and rain in rapid succession," Capt. Baldwin said. "It kept us guessing to manage the ballast under these conditions and when we landed, we had only a few pounds of ballast left."

Our gas was also badly depleted from the constant changes in temperature. "Saturday night, we were soaked by a cold rain. Sunday morning, the sun shone brightly and our gas expanded and we rose rapidly to a height of 6,000 feet or more. At noon Sunday, we struck the worst thunderstorm I have ever encountered in the upper air and to avert danger we soared to a height of three and a half miles. It was a magnificent spectacle to ride above the storm at such great height, but were in no mood to enjoy the sensation."

"All the afternoon, we sailed in the upper air currents, constantly throwing out ballast. By 4 o'clock we were about out of ballast, and had to begin looking for a place to alight. We found a good spot on a hillside near Portsmouth."

New York, Sept. 20.—A report to the Aero Club here today says that the missing balloon, Miss Sophie, the only one unaccounted for, landed in an out of the way spot in West Virginia, a few miles south of Clarksburg, at about 6 o'clock Sunday evening.

Philadelphia, Sept. 20.—Conyers B. Graham and Arthur T. Atterholt, the Philadelphia aeronauts who manned the Pennsylvania II in the balloon race from Indianapolis, returned here today battered and bruised as a result of the wrecking of their aircraft in a terrific storm at Dexter, Ohio, Sunday. Both men were covered with their lives, being caught 24,000 feet in the air with only three bags of ballast. They descended with such terrific force that their balloon rebounded a hundred feet from the ground, carrying with it the occupants entangled in the ropework of the basket.

The Pennsylvania, with the other entries in the race, kept well together until the storm hit them at 10 o'clock Saturday night.

"Rain poured in torrents," said Graham today. "We were blinded by it and the intense darkness and absolutely lost our way. We floundered all night, the winds blowing fiercely. Early Sunday morning we were driven to an altitude of 18,000 feet. In descending it cost us seven bags of ballast. We had three left when we were suddenly lifted to an amazing height. It must have been some atmosphere freak that caused it. The barometer showed 24,000 feet. It was a trying moment."

"Tossing out our ballast we descended like a shot. When we hit it was with terrific force. We were both caught under the basket but clung to the ropes as the balloon rebounded about a hundred feet. We were both stunned and considerably bruised."

Merry-Go-Round Bees Fight.

Beverly, N. J., Sept. 20.—Working more than 100 feet in air, painters employed by ex-Mayor Fish were attacked by a vicious swarm of bees on St. Stephen's Church steeple yesterday. The reasons for the attack were that the bees use the top of the steeple for a hive and the weather vane surmounting this as a merry-go-round. Beverly residents can never tell the real direction of the wind, as the honey-gatherers in their gambols fly against the vane in bunches, with such force as to set it spinning, by which daily sport they contrive to use it as a merry-go-round. Although the painters were willing to paint artificial honeysuckles on the convolutions of the steeple, the bees were determined not to be disturbed, and promptly descended on the men. As soon as they could get the scaffolding working, the painters descended, warding off the bees with their paint brushes. They were severely stung.

German Socialists.

Magdeburg, Germany, Sept. 20.—A bitter debate, threatening at times to split the German socialist party, took place today's session of the annual congress, over the action of the socialists in the grand duchy of Baden in supporting the grand ducal government on numerous occasions and is voting for the budget. Augustus Bebel, the veteran leader, opened the debate with a scathing indictment of the alleged weakness of the Baden socialists. In thus comprising with the grand ducal government, he characterized their course as traitorous and without a violent attempt by his opponents, the bees were reduced to water and sweetened, it is pleasant to take. Sold by W. F. Creighton and Richard Gibson.

Twins Become Mothers.

New York, Sept. 20.—Mrs. Clara Mittleman, wife of Max Mittleman, of No. 240 East 14th street, and Mrs. Mary Waxman, wife of George Waxman, of No. 523 Lenox avenue, are twins. Their mother, Mrs. Yettie Siegel, has given birth to three sets of twins. On Sunday Mrs. Mittleman became a mother and on the same day her sister, Mrs. Waxman, also gave birth to a child. The Waxman baby was a girl and Mr. and Mrs. Waxman named her Hanna. The other baby arrived, the proud parents bestowed the name of Abraham on their first-born. The coincidence is all the more unusual from the fact that the mothers of the children that were born on Sunday were married on the same day.

New York Stock Market.

New York, September 20.—Decided strength was shown in the early trading in the stock market today, the leading issues moving up from a fraction to more than a point. In the last half of the forenoon the market was extremely dull, but prices were firmly held. The market retained its strength throughout the first hour, although no further gains were made over the high range established in the first few minutes.

THE PENNSYLVANIA'S NEW SCALE.

That the new wage scale on the Pennsylvania Railroad will reduce that road's net earnings between six and seven million dollars during the current year, was the statement of Vice-President Thayer, in New York, last week. He was testifying at the Interstate Commerce Commission's investigation of the eastern railroads' contemplated freight increases, and had admitted that the company's net earnings for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1910, were approximately \$9,000,000 more than the preceding year. "The system east of Pittsburgh," said Thayer, "as the result of the increases, showed a loss of \$2,500,000 in net earnings for the last four months. I don't think there will be any increase whatever in our gross earnings for this year."

DEMOCRATIC HOUSE.

Representative James T. Lloyd, of Missouri, chairman of the democratic congressional committee, spent yesterday at congressional headquarters in Washington, having arrived there in the morning from Chicago. He left Washington last night for New York.

Asked what he thought of the political outlook, Chairman Lloyd said it could not be better, as the democratic landslide in Maine would not be regarded other than as a forerunner of what the country should expect in November. He added:

"We are not giving any concern to the differences existing between the regulars and insurgents. We are devoting our time to the campaign, and I want to say that never before in any campaign has the democratic committee done better and harder work than it is now doing. In my judgment our work will show results in November."

SHOT BY A NEGRO.

Chief of Police J. M. Stallings, of Spring Hope, N. C., was fatally shot and has been sent to Richmond hospital for an operation, while practically every citizen of the community has joined in the pursuit, with bloodhounds, of Norman Lewis, a negro, charged with retailing liquor, and who fired into the breast of the officer, when he, with another officer, went to arrest the negro Sunday night. Lewis, when ordered to come out, told his wife to blow the lights out and to open the door. The negro then fired at the officer with a double-barreled shotgun, a metal badge pinned on the policeman's breast, probably preventing the entire load taking effect. Summary vengeance may be visited upon the negro if he is caught.

A CONFEDERATE MONUMENT.

In conformity with the recommendation made just before his death by General Oates, federal commissioner for marking the graves of Confederate soldiers and sailors who died in northern prisons during the civil war, the war department has awarded a contract for the construction of a monument costing \$20,000 in the Confederate cemetery at Point Lookout, Md., where lie buried the bodies of 3,386 Confederates. Lack of identification prevented the erection of individual headstones.

Baby Perishes in Tar Vat.

Sharon, Pa., Sept. 20.—Playing about a vat of tar yesterday, the 2-year-old son of John Koss fell in and was killed. Several hours after his being killed, the child's mother found his body half submerged in the tar that had begun to harden about the corpse.

New Jersey Republicans.

Trenton, N. J., Sept. 20.—When the republican state convention was called to order at the Taylor Opera House shortly after noon today, it was conceded that Vivian M. Lewis, state commissioner of banking and insurance, would be chosen on the first ballot, as the gubernatorial candidate to oppose Woodrow Wilson. Lewis had no opposition, and, aside from a few complimentary votes, was expected to roll practically the entire first ballot. While Lewis was the choice of both the regular and progressive factions, he and the state leaders were at odds almost until the moment of the opening of the convention over some of the planks in the platform.

As finally adopted the platform was one of the most radical ever adopted by a New Jersey convention, rivaling in many respects those adopted by western out-and-out insurgents' conventions.

Threatened Strike.

Manchester, Eng., Sept. 20.—Cotton mill employees today accepted the defiance of the cotton employers' federation, declaring that if the threatened lockout on October 1 becomes operative they will effect a general strike throughout England by forcing the shutting down of 700 cotton mills, which, with the allied industries affected, would throw 550,000 workmen.

This number of idle men, it is asserted, would quickly bring a crisis and force either the various federations of employers or the government itself to enact remedial legislation.

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Dysentery is a dangerous disease but can be cured.

Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy has been successfully used in nine epidemics of dysentery. It has never been known to fail. It is equally valuable for children and adults, when reduced with water and sweetened, it is pleasant to take. Sold by W. F. Creighton and Richard Gibson.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

A long contest is expected when Congress starts to allot members of the House under the new census.

Lightning struck the statue of Henry Clay in the Lexington, Ky., cemetery yesterday, shattering an arm and a leg of the figure. The memorial was undervailed in July and took the place of a similar monument which was struck by lightning in July, 1903. Part of the cost of \$12,000 was defrayed by a legislative appropriation. The storm yesterday was one of the heaviest ever known in Lexington, and its total damage is estimated at \$50,000.

INVESTIGATION BEGUN.

The special committee created by the democratic state central committee to make an investigation of the Congressional primary held in the Second district of Virginia on August 23, met yesterday in Norfolk, as was stated in the Gazette of that day.

The committee is composed of nine members, one from each Congressional district in the state, except the Second.

Major McIntyre, of Warrenton, was designated by the central committee as chairman. Mr. Carson was made secretary.

Chairman McIntyre in a vigorous speech declared it to be the desire of the committee to give every element of the democratic party in the district a chance to be heard. "We are here," he said, "to find out what is the local trouble with the democratic party here. We expect to give what we were sent here for, a full, free and fair investigation of the primary, not in the interest of Young or Maynard, but of the democratic party."

The investigation should proceed. Attorneys for Congressman Maynard, apparently defeated in the primary for a renomination, thought that they should have five days in which to prepare their case, and attorneys for Young thought that they should have five days in which to reply. E. A. Billisly, one of the lawyers looking out for the interest of the people and leader in the fight for the investigation, thought that five days would be ample time for the filing of charges by both sides, and the committee finally determined "that the charges, specifications or bills of particulars as to fraudulent, irregular or unlawful acts in the conduct of the primary" be filed by September 27.

Another resolution directed that the democratic city and county chairmen immediately submit to a subcommittee composed of Messrs. McIntyre, Aisworth and Echols, the poll books and ballots used in the primary, where they will be at the disposal of all parties concerned. The poll books and ballots of the city of Norfolk were first called for, but Chairman Schenck was out of the city and they could not be produced. Under the direction of the subcommittee the examination of the poll books will commence today.

Complaints were made as to the state of Columbia pike near the brick yards. It was stated that no work had been done on the road for four years. Mr. Duncan, supervisor for the district, promised to have the holes filled up and some drains opened.

ROAD CONTRACTS.

At a special meeting yesterday of the board of supervisors of Alexandria county the contract was awarded for building macadam roads between Ballston, Fairfax and the Aqueduct bridge. The width of the road was reduced from sixteen to fourteen feet on Mr. Corbett's objection to the sum of \$9,000 being spent on a road which at the proper time could have been repaired at slight expense.

MURDER AND SUICIDE.

Enraged because she had repeatedly rejected his offers of marriage, B. E. Maness, a prominent business man of Abbeville, Ga., yesterday afternoon shot and fatally injured Mrs. Virginia Royal; instantly killed her sister, Mrs. Cole H. Williams, and then turned the pistol on himself, putting a bullet in his head. His wound will also prove fatal. The tragedy occurred at the home of Mrs. Williams, with whom Mrs. Royal resided.

Maness had asked Mrs. Royal, who is a young and healthy widow, to wed him, but she refused. Maness thought the refusal was due to the influence of Mrs. Williams.

After drawing his will and paying all his debts, Maness went to the home of Mrs. Williams and asked for Mrs. Royal. Mrs. Williams said her sister was sick and asked Maness to leave. Maness drew a pistol and shot Mrs. Williams dead. Going into Mrs. Royal's room, he shot her through the body as she lay in bed. Then he turned the pistol on himself, and fell across the mortally wounded woman.

The husband of Mrs. Williams, who is a physician, was summoned, and he found his wife dead and his sister-in-law and her admirer dying. All the parties are members of leading families and are prominent socially.

BALLOON LANDS IN VIRGINIA.

The America II balloon of the Aero Club of America, sailing in the elimination race for the Gordon Bennett international contest, which is to be held in St. Louis November 17, and which left Speedway park, Indianapolis, Saturday, September 17, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, landed 3 miles south-west of Warrenton at 2:30 yesterday afternoon, on the farm of J. W. Pillar.

Allen P. Hawley, pilot, and Augustus Post, aid, were the crew. Both reported a pleasant trip with little rain at an altitude of 16,000 feet, once reaching 20,000 feet.

They left Warrenton with the balloon by the way of the Southern Railway later for Indianapolis. The trip was continuous. The party came through Ohio, West Virginia and the Potomac and Cumberland valleys, direct to Warrenton. The balloon was up in the air 44-1/2 hours.

PROPER DIET.

Well cooked vegetables, rice and meat as opposed to New England mince pie and Boston baked beans, has made the "graceful, self-controlled Turk" the superior of the nervous, lank "New Englander."

This was the contention laid down before the Mississippi Valley Medical Association at Detroit last week by Dr. Feinton B. Turck, of Chicago.

"Diet has more to do with the making of great men or the deteriorating of the human race to the level of the brute than anything else," declared Dr. Turck.

"Compare that armor-plate mince pie diet indulged in by all America with the two same meals a day that are enabling Turkey to produce the finest specimens of physical manhood in the world. Mince pie and beans are bringing about race deterioration not alone in Connecticut and Maine."

Rev. H. S. Osborn, of Loudoun, Va., accepted a call to St. Anne's parish, Essex county.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

Shaking up of Police Department. New York, Sept. 20.—Indications that there is to be a new head of the New York police department and a shake-up in the organization as a result of acting Mayor John Purroy Mitchell's gambling investigations loomed large today following a visit of the acting mayor last night to the home of Mayor Gaynor at St. James, Long Island. The official scalp of Police Commissioner Baker is said to be quite loose and may be lifted entirely following the grand jury hearing of the graft and gambling cases at which District Attorney Whitman will present the evidence collected during the recent raid.

"I never opened a gambling house in New York or never knew a professional gambler to do so without first making arrangements with the police," was the statement made by Al Adams, the one time king of gambling in New York, a short time before his recent suicide.

This statement of Adams, which has never been questioned, is being cited at this time when desperate efforts are being made by the investigations of District Attorney Whitman and Acting Mayor Mitchell to find the men "higher up" who have been getting the graft as the result of the recent wide-open conditions in the Tenderloin. Suspicion is not directed at Commissioner Baker as this man, but he is being criticized for not having broken up the existing conditions. It is pointed out that six of the acting mayor's special investigators were during a few days last week able to uncover eleven disorderly players, all operating, as the acting mayor put it, "under the very eyes of the police."

It is pointed out that it has always been impossible for a man to open a gambling house in New York and run it three days without having its existence reported to the police either by "stool pigeons" or by gamblers who having obtained police protection, make it their business to see that competition is not allowed to flourish.

New York, Sept. 20.—As a result of the recent exposure of gambling and "wide open" conditions in New York's Tenderloin, Commissioner William F. Baker, head of New York's police department, is to be removed as soon as Mayor Gaynor returns to the city hall.

Announcement of this action was made today by Acting Mayor John Purroy Mitchell following his conference with the chief of police.

It is also expected that an investigation will be made of the charges that a well-known police officer in charge of certain precincts in Manhattan, has been collecting a graft fund of approximately \$50,000 a month during the time the lid has been off.

Two of the fisheries vessels have been equipped with harpoons attached to cables, a whaling outfit and other apparatus to kill the monster and will depart several days to the search. No attempt will be made to take the serpent alive.—(Galveston correspondent New York Herald.)

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Representative Carlin asked for the energetic help of the county toward getting measures passed through Congress for the construction by the United States government of a new road, for light traffic only between the Highway bridge and the east gate of Arlington.

The board passed a resolution for a delegation to meet the Virginia senators and promised enthusiastic support for this and similar objects.

The offer by private individuals of contributions toward the construction of a good road between Alexandria and Washington was announced and the board voted for action toward accepting these contributions and making up the difference from the road funds.

SEE END OF CHOLERA.

The phenomenon of the liquefaction of the blood of St. Januarius took place in Naples after prayers lasting fifty-five minutes. A great multitude was present. The people interpret the rapidity of the liquefaction is proof that the peril from cholera is over.

In the great church there are preserved the head and some of the blood of Januarius, bishop of Benevento, who was beheaded for the faith near Puteoli. The blood, it is related, was gathered from the ground by a poor woman at the time of the martyrdom, and inclosed in two small glass vials.

On several occasions, it is recorded, his relics were carried in procession during eruptions of Vesuvius.

The standing miracle of the liquefaction of the blood of St. Januarius consists in bringing the congealed pieces near to the head, the vials being placed on the altar and prayer being made. After a longer or shorter interval the blood is said to become liquid and to flow.

TROUBLE FEARED.

Refusing to become parties to the truce declared between Commissioner of Fisheries McDonald Lee and the tongs last week, some of the James river oyster planters are working their boats on disputed territory and reports from Battery Park say that there is liable to be trouble on the river today. This is the day set by Commissioner Lee for the beginning of a survey of the James river natural rocks for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not portions of the public ground have been leased to private planters, as alleged by the tongs, and under the agreement between the commissioner and the tongs the planters were to take no more oysters from the disputed territory pending the survey.

Scramble for Crippen's Effects.

London, Sept. 20.—London's morbid curiosity in the Dr. H. H. Crippen case resulted in a scramble to buy the doctor's furniture and effects, which were auctioned today at a West End sale room. Old catalogues and papers, of absolutely no intrinsic value, were sold for as high as \$2. Odds and ends of the most trifling value were rarely sold for less than \$1. A number of fashionable women crowded the auction rooms and outbid the auction dealers on many articles. Trifles sold more readily than the larger articles, the chief desire of the people apparently being merely to possess something that belonged to the man accused of murdering his wife.

Proposed Joint Convention.

Atlantic City, N. J., Sept. 20.—A joint convention of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Confederate Veterans Union is to be held on the battlefield at Gettysburg on July 1, 2 and 3, 1913, the fiftieth anniversary of one of the greatest and bloodiest battles in history, is today being advocated by many of the Grand Army veterans.

Georgetown Wheat Market.

Georgetown, D. C. Sept. 20.—Wheat 90400

Shaking up of Police Department.

New York, Sept. 20.—Indications that there is to be a new head of the New York police department and a shake-up in the organization as a result of acting Mayor John Purroy Mitchell's gambling investigations loomed large today following a visit of the acting mayor last night to the home of Mayor Gaynor at St. James, Long Island. The official scalp of Police Commissioner Baker is said to be quite loose and may be lifted entirely following the grand jury hearing of the graft and gambling cases at which District Attorney Whitman will present the evidence collected during the recent raid.

"I never opened a gambling house in New York or never knew a professional gambler to do so without first making arrangements with the police," was the statement made by Al Adams, the one time king of gambling in New York, a short time before his recent suicide.